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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the applicants hereby call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached List of References. All of these references are of record in the parent application; copies need not be submitted (see 37 CFR §198(d)). This list of references is being provided to ensure listing of these references on a patent to issue in this application in accordance with the following paragraph of MPEP 609:

"Information which is cited or submitted to the Office in the parent application of a file wrapper continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 will be part of the file before the examiner and need not be resubmitted in the continuing application to have the information considered and listed on the patent. Likewise, the examiner will consider information cited or submitted to the Office in a parent application when examining a continuing application which is not a file wrapper continuing application, and a list of the information need not be submitted in the continuing application unless applicant desires the information to be printed on the patent." (emphasis added).

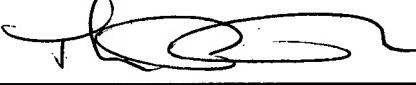
Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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